



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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April/May 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting:

June 10, 2016: Annual auction.

Highlights from the May Meeting:

Called to order at 7:30 by club president, Dave Spoelstra, N9KT. There were around 40 in attendance at the meeting.

David said that according to Tom Chance, K9XV, who is coordinating Field Day efforts for the club, we still need operators.

The June meeting will be the annual auction.

David reminded those in attendance that if they were going to submit a log for the Indiana QSO Party, to please put down the Indianapolis Radio Club as their club, so the club may win a club award.

Jay Wright, KK9L, announced there will be a new “Tailgate Fest” on Saturday, August 13, at the American Legion Post south of Danville. Point your browser to <http://hcrcsg.org/tailgate.html> for more information.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, announced that he has advance sale tickets for the Indy hamfest, which is two days this year, Friday, July 8 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, July 9 6:00 am to 2:00 pm.

On Sunday, June 5 at 2:00, there will be a Foxhunt at Garfield Park.

David solicited those in attendance to step up to volunteer to organize the Club picnic, otherwise, no picnic.

John Farmer, N9CQ, announced that the Hendricks County club was going to be putting on a Special Event Station on June 11 starting at 10:00 at Ellis Park in Danville. It will be K9W, and one of the Indiana bicentennial stations. This Special event will be in honor of Adrian Parsons, the person that brought soybeans to Indiana.

Next, David started in to his program on “All Things Computer”. David talked about “Scareware”, where you get an anonymous call from a “Microsoft engineer” saying you have a virus, then they direct you to a series of keystrokes that will actually infect your computer. David then explained “Ransomware”, where a virus encrypts all of your files with DES encryption. Then the ransomer solicits for money for key. David said that following unsolicited links in emails is always a possible way to get problems. Running Google Chrome as your browser is the best way to avoid web based viruses. Chrome runs in a sandbox to keep you safe.

Next David talked about whether or not folks should upgrade to Windows 10. After July 29, what is now a free upgrade will cost \$119 for home version, \$199 for pro versions. David said there are rumors that Microsoft may start a subscription service for upgrades.

David then talked about Ninite.com (<https://ninite.com/>), as an excellent source for shareware. All of the programs on this site have been pre-screened for viruses.

Next, David talked about the Google Chrome OS. It is a thin layer of Linux, with the Chrome browser. All of the apps with Google Chrome are browser based apps. No machine based programs. He talked about Chromebooks, which are notebook PCs designed to run Google Chrome as their operating system. They are low cost (\$129 and up), and rely heavily on the internet, but not exclusively. Point your browser to <http://www.google.com/chromebook/> for lots of information about Chromebooks. David said that Chromebooks make up 53% of all devices in education. He said that Roche Diagnostics has 89,000 Chromebooks, and 60% of all laptops sold on Amazon are Chromebooks.

Lots of Chrome apps can run without an internet connection, including all Google apps.

Neverware (<http://www.neverware.com/#introtext-3>) has teamed up with Google to make an installable Chrome OS for education. Neverware works with most laptops that have at

least a Core Duo processor and 2 GB of RAM. The Chrome OS can replace Windows, or with most newer machines, can be set up as a “dual boot”, so one can run the Chrome OS or Windows.

Finally, David asked those in attendance to bring any old laptops they may have to the June meeting. These will be donated to a Charter School that David provides IT support for, and converted into Chromebooks.

Door prizes awarded and the meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Ham Radio News:

HELP NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Ham Radio Volunteers are needed in all the public served events that we support. These are:

May 28 - 500 Festival Parade
Jun 4 - American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure Bike Ride
Aug 1 - Indy Air Race
Sep 10 - Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride
Oct 1 - Indianapolis Marathon in Lawrence
Nov 7 - Indianapolis Monumental Marathon

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ARRL SEEKS SUGGESTIONS ON IARU REGION 2 BAND PLAN

The ARRL Board of Directors' HF Band Planning Committee is inviting input from the US Amateur Radio community regarding possible changes to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 Band Plan. The band plan can be found on the web at, <http://www.iaru-r2.org/band-plan/>.

That band plan and other significant Amateur Radio spectrum issues will be high on the agenda at this fall's IARU Region 2 General Assembly in Chile. Leading up to that gathering, the ARRL and other IARU member societies in the Americas will be seeking comments and suggestions regarding the Region 2 HF Band Plan. The HF Band Planning Committee will review the current plan, consider comments from the US Amateur Radio community, and recommend any changes to the ARRL Board for submission to IARU Region 2.

The Committee is urging US radio amateurs who are considering suggesting revisions to the IARU Region 2 Band Plan first to study the existing IARU Region 2 Band Plan. They then should formulate a clear statement of any proposed changes, including a brief explanation of why each particular change would benefit all IARU Region 2 spectrum users. Participants should include name and call sign. Submit input via e-mail by June 1, 2016 to, bandplan2016@arrl.org. Messages will be automatically acknowledged.

MIKE GOODE, N9NS, SK

On April 11, 2016, Mike Goode, N9NS, died at his home. Many of you might know Mike personally and many will remember him from the various times he spoke at IRC meetings about his DXpeditions to N9NS/KH5K, E30GA, T31A, T33A, FO0CI and FO0AAA (Clipperton), 3A/N9NS, KH8Q, VP2MNS, K7K (Kure) and W1AW/KH8 just to name a few.

RICHARD GAST, KA9GIW, SK

Richard L. Gast, KA9GIW, passed away March 22, 2016. He was age 85. Dick was a radio club member; however, he hadn't been very active in recent years, primarily due to health reasons.

HAM NATION EPISODE FEATURES LOCAL STORY

If you're not a regular watcher of Ham Nation, or if you happened to miss episode 239, from March 16, be sure to check it out. They always have a "Newsline" video segment. On this particular segment, there was a story, presented by a familiar voice, Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, on a "new" piece of gear received by the USS Indianapolis group. Chuck Crist, W9IH, told about the history of the radio received. All in all, it was a very nice story. If you want to check out the story, you can find the episode at this link: <https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation/episodes/239?autoplay=false>. The story on the USS Indianapolis starts at about 13:30 into the podcast.

KINGMAN REEF DELETED FROM DXCC LIST

The ARRL Awards Committee has voted to delete Kingman Reef (KH5K) from the DXCC List, effective 29 March, 2016. Kingman Reef will be added to the Deleted Entities List on 29 March, 2016. The total number of entities on the List will drop from 340 to 339.

The deletion process is described in DXCC Rules Section II DXCC List Criteria, Part 5(a) Deletion Criteria: "An entity may be deleted from the List if it no longer satisfies the criteria under which it was added. However, if the entity continues to meet one or more currently existing rules, it will remain on the List."

With respect to the previous paragraph's text, Kingman Reef's original addition by virtue of separate administration has changed (separate administration by the U.S. Navy has been removed), and the reef does not meet any current criteria to remain on the list. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers Kingman Reef and Palmyra Island. The reef is too close to Palmyra Island to count as a separate entity. The reef is now considered part of the Palmyra/Jarvis DXCC entity.

DXCC members who have affirmed credit with Kingman Reef will see their current entity totals drop by one on their DXCC awards -- including on the bands and modes where Kingman Reef credit is given.

They will also see their DXCC Challenge totals drop commensurately. Honor Roll status will now be attainable after confirming 330 entities on the DXCC List.

HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

I have a new 3 500 tube that I would like to sell. I paid \$190 for it and I would be pleased to receive \$115 for it. I also have an unused MFJ Artificial Ground. I would like to receive around \$80 for the unit. (Prices reduced).

Newly listed item: Yaesu FRG 7 General Coverage Receiver, In excellent Condition.
\$175.00

Thanks, David Wilhelmus, WA9OUX
Contact : wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com
Phone: 317 926-2358

MORE HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

N9JMX L'il Predator (2") Screwdriver
Asking \$150.00.

Original Hamsticks for 6M/20M/75M.
Asking \$25.00 for all three.

Contact w0lpq9@msn.com or 439-9421.

Bill Lambing, W0LPQ
Greenwood

YET MORE GEAR FOR SALE

Icom IC 735
Works 100%. I have the plastic front cover. It is intact, but I don't want to force it back on. It's available. Check it out in the shack before buying.
\$375.00 OBO.

MFJ-1025 Noise Canceling / Signal Enhancer. Works.
\$50.00

CWTOUCHKEYER Model P1 with AC Power Adapter, Manual & Cheat Sheet. List for \$99.00 to \$119.00. Asking \$75.00 OBO.

Contact Dovid - N9APE
317-259-8017

MORE GEAR

For Sale or make offer:

1 - TM40 U. S. Towers Tubular Mast with free standing base and lift kit. Only 3 yrs old, highly galvanized, 2 winches with brakes. Has G5 RV Dipole, Coax and Diamond 2M-6M counterpoise Ant's. New cost to Insurance Agency \$3,000, and \$700 for trucking from Lincoln KS. My selling price is going to make someone very happy, at 1/3 cost or \$1200.00.

To anyone building Ham Stuff (Free Come and Get It!)
1 - 465 P. A. with 2500 V plate supply on 2 black wrinkle BUD cabinets.

Measurements on BUD Cabinets:

465-A Amp is 22"W x 15"T x 15"D. Has a hinge lid.

Power Supply is 22"W x 29.5"T x 15"D.

The Power Supply 2500V on Rollway Cabinet weighs (a guess) about 75-80 lbs.

Anyone interested, can inspect at their convenience, located on E side of S Meridian South of Troy Ave, N of St. Roch's School.

Harold Stark, K9UBL, 3215 S. Meridian St. Indy (317) 788-1210

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

From April:
Jim Johnson, KC9YTH
Tom Frank, N9JQH

From May:
Esmeralda Valague, KE5YFH

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the April, 1965 *Amachewer*:

Why is it some guys will go into their shacks, flip on the xmtr, but not the recv, apparently, and beller in the mike, "Anyone on the frequency?" They could tell whether anyone is on by listening for a minute. Even on six FM, occasionally some lid will break into a 12-station round-table that has been going on for hours with this inane remark.

[I guess some things ARE like the "good old days" -- ed.]

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- May 20 – 22: Dayton Hamvention <http://hamvention.org/>
- July 8 – 9: Indianapolis Hamfest at Marion County Fairgrounds.
NOTE: TWO DAY EVENT THIS YEAR! Go to
<http://www.indyhamfest.com/> for more information.
- August 13: HCRCSG Tailgate Hamfest – Danville, Ind. Go to
<http://hcrcsg.org/tailgate.html> for more information.
- August 27: Owen County Hamfest at Owen County
Fairgrounds.
- September 24: Bloomington Amateur Radio Club Hamfest,
Monroe County Fairgrounds. More info at
<http://www.bloomingtonradio.org/index.php/12-news/62-barc-hamfest-on-sept-24>

2016 Officers:

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